

# National Crime Victim Rights Week - April 23-29, 2006

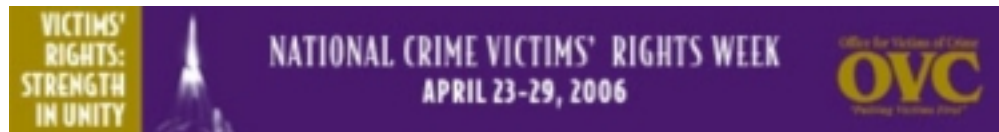
## Media Contact:

Department of Correction

Java Ahmed

(317) 234-1693

E-mail: [jahmed@doc.in.gov](mailto:jahmed@doc.in.gov)



National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 23-29, 2006. National Crime Victims' Rights Week is a time to remember, reflect, and re-commit to crime victims and survivors, and those who serve them. It is also a time to raise individual, victim, and public awareness about victims' rights and needs, and the challenges victims face in seeking help and restoration in the aftermath of crime, and the positive impact that individuals and communities can have in the lives of victims and survivors by providing services and support.

"Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity" is the theme for "2006" National Crime Victims' Rights Week. It pays tribute to crime victims and survivors who have joined together in mutual support and advocacy to promote victims' rights and services. It also recognizes the ongoing efforts of countless victim service providers, criminal and juvenile justice professionals, and allied professionals and volunteers who selflessly dedicate their lives to helping victims of crime.

In recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the Indiana Department of Correction will support the Legacy House R.O.C.C.-A-THON Fundraiser to help support their efforts in Reaching Out to Citizens affected by Crime. The R.O.C.C.-A-THON will be April 29, 2006, 10:00 am - 2:00 PM, Christamore House, 502 North Tremont Street, Indianapolis IN 46222. To rock or make a donation, please contact Indiana Department of Correction, Victim/Witness Services, (317) 234-1532 or (317) 233-3432, or the Legacy House, Denise Mudd, (317) 554-5275.

The Office for Victims of Crime and the U.S. Department of Justice will present in Washington, DC, the:

Fourth Annual National Observance and Candlelight Ceremony, April 20, 2006, 6:30-7:30 p.m., U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street NW, Washington, DC, to commemorate NCVRW and pay tribute to crime victims and survivors. Sharon Rocha, mother of Laci Peterson and grandmother of Conner, and author of *For Laci: A Mother's Story of Love, Loss, and Justice* is the featured speaker. For more information on Sharon Rocha, visit: <http://www.lacipeterson.com>.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week Awards Ceremony, April 21, 2006, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, where the Attorney General's

Victim Service Awards will be presented to individuals and organizations having demonstrated outstanding service for victims. PLEASE RSVP TO <http://www.yesevents.com/NCVRW06> FOR THIS EVENT AS SPACE IS LIMITED.

The National Organization for Victim Assistance announced the 25th Annual National Forum On Victims' Rights to be held Friday, April 21, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2360, Washington, DC 20515. To register for the Forum call NOVA at 703-535-6682 with your credit card at hand, or mail a twenty dollar (\$20.00) check, payable to NOVA to: NOVA - Attn: Forum, 510 King Street, Suite 424, Alexandria, VA 22314.

### **About The Department of Correction**

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.

